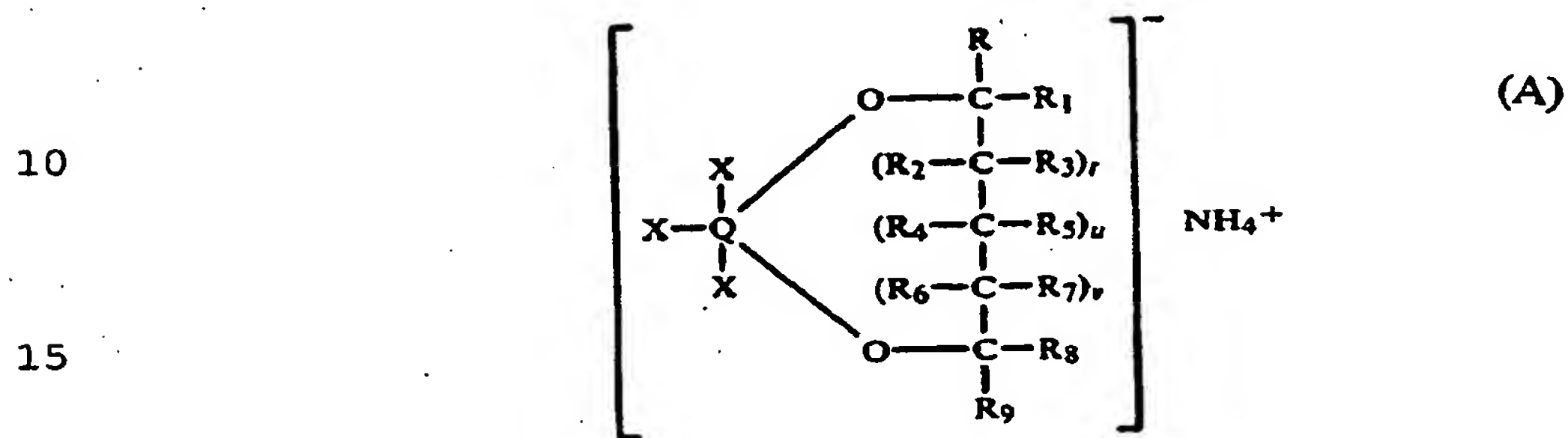


We Claim:

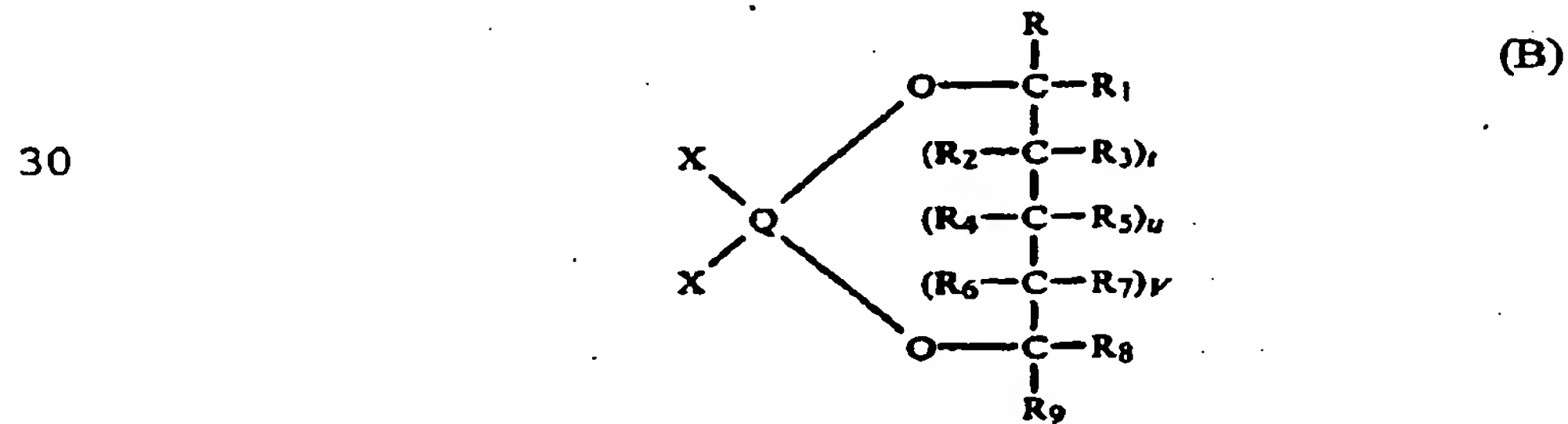
1. A method of treating warts which comprises the  
5 administration of a tellurium compound of the formula:



or the complex of  $\text{TeO}_2 \cdot \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ;

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or



35  $\text{TeO}_2$  or complexes of  $\text{TeO}_2$   
(C)

or

40  $\text{PhTeCl}_3$   
(D)

or

$\text{TeX}_4$ , when X is Cl, Br or F

or the following complex:  $\text{TeO}_2 \cdot \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \cdot \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ;

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$(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4\text{P}^+(\text{TeCl}_3(\text{O}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4))^-$

(E)

wherein t is 1 or 0; u is 1 or 0; v is 1 or 0; R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>,  
R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, and R<sub>9</sub> are the same or different and are  
independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,  
10 hydroxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, hydroxy, alkyl or from 1 to 5  
carbon atoms, halogen, haloalkyl of 1 to 5 carbon atoms,  
carboxy, alkylcarbonylalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, alkanoyloxy  
of 1 to 5 carbon atoms, carboxyalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons atoms,  
acyl, amido, cyano, amidoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons, N-  
15 monoalkylamidoalkyl of 2 to 10 carbons, N,N-dialkylamidoalkyl  
of 4 to 10 carbons, cyanoalkyl of 1 to 5 carbons alkoxy of 1  
to 5 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl of 2 to 10 carbon atoms and -  
COR<sub>10</sub> wherein R<sub>10</sub> is alkyl of 1 to 5 carbons; and X is halogen.

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2. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is ammonium trichloro (dioxoethylene-O,O')  
tellurate.

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3. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is administered topically.

4. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is administered systemically.

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5. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is administered as a 1 to 30% solution.

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6. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the tellurium  
compound is administered as a 1 to 30% hydrophilic or

hydrophobic ointment.

5 7. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is selected from the group consisting of common warts, flat warts, genital warts, cutaneous warts, laryngeal papillomas, and oral papillomas.

10 8. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is a common wart.

9. A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the wart is a genital wart.

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